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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am

concerned that this proposal could make my current service

unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone only for safety, and security due to my wife's terminal illness. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. The USF is an unfair tax not a fee. My home phone base rate is under \$9.00 with all the fees and taxes the bottom amount is \$26.00! Now you tell me that is right? Hell NO it isn't! Sprint even charges a fee because I use another service for long distance and it has more than it's share of fee's/taxes. STOP IT ALREADY!

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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